ADJOURNMENT MOTION

re: ill-treatment of Satyagraha Volunteers by the Police.

Deputy President.—Here is an adjournment motion from Mr. K. T. Mathew:

To discuss the grave public alarm caused by the press reports about the acts of ill-treatment of the Agrarian Satyagraha volunteers by the Police at Ernakulam.

First of all this ought to have been placed before the President in his office for his information before he takes the chair. There is a request from Mr. Mathew to move an adjournment motion to be taken to-day or to-morrow. The usual practice is that it must be placed in the office before the President comes to the hall. Secondly, there is an identical resolution regarding the ill-treatment of Satyagraha volunteers. Under rule 19 (4) the adjournment motion is not admissible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On a point of order. When an adjournment motion is brought even if it is vetoed the member will be given an opportunity to explain the motion.

Deputy President.—Only if the President thinks that there is any necessity. I do not think there is any necessity, because under rule 19 (4) no adjournment motion allowed when there is an identical resolution in the agenda.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—The resolution is for the appointment of a committee. But the motion does not contemplate the appointment of a committee.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—We want to discuss it independent of the committee.

Deputy President.—The appointment of the committee is only a part of the motion. Both motions are identical.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I shall explain that the resolution does not relate to the same matter.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Has the President given a ruling on the point?

Deputy President.—Yes. But I have given him permission to speak on it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, the resolution reads thus:

This Council recommends to the Government to immediately make an open and impartial inquiry through a committee consisting of official and non-official members into the reported beating, starving and other acts of ill-treatment on the Satayagraha volunteers by the Police on the 22nd and 26th Vrischigam 1119 at Ernakulam.

The resolution requests the Government to appoint a committee and receive a report. The resolution does not ask the Government to take any action on the report which will be submitted to the Government. Whereas the purpose of this motion is that the Government should take action against the officers who have unnecessarily tortured the Satyagrahies.

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Deputy President.—I think they are identical. Therefore you cannot bring this motion now.

Motion was ruled out of order.

Placing of Statement

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Under rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation VIII of 1098.

Sl. No	Item	Amouut Rs. A. P.	Remarks
1	12 Registration—Temporary Establishment	450 0 0	The amount had to be sanctioned urgently towards the pay of temporary clerks appointed in certain Registry offices for removing the temporary congestion of work, the budget allotment of the year being found insufficient
2	14 General Administration—Economic Survey	6,083 0 0	The allotment provided in the current year's budget under this item became insufficient on account of the entertainment of certain additional staff found necessary afterwards for investigation, etc., and this had to be sanctioned urgently for starting the survey work
3	30 Scientific, etc., Department (3) Zoo	2,402 1 11	The budget allotment for 1108 was found insufficient due to excess feeding charge, etc. This was sanctioned as additional allotment being an inevitable payment.
4	30 Scientific, etc., Department (6) Stoneware Factory	13,115 0 0	On account of the appointment of Mr. Whatmore as Pottery Expert and additional staff for the vigorous working of the Stoneware Factory at Chalakkudi, the allotment provided was found insufficient for the current year and additional allotment had to be granted urgently.
5	21 Miscellaneous (a) Refund of lapsed deposits	312 0 0	CRANGANUR The amount provided in the Cranganur budget of 1109 under this head was found insufficient during the course of the year to meet the requirements and being an inevitable payment had to be sanctioned urgently

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